under Government's consideration to bifurcate Hyderabad Telecom into two separate administrative units;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to decentralise Hyderabad Telecom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Area Managers Scheme has been introduced with effect from 16.7.93 to provide better service in the matters relating to commercial, billing, operations and maintenance activities.

*108. [*Transferred to 5th August, 1993*]

Announcement of long-term-garment export entitlement policy

109. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay in announcing long term Garments Export Entitlement Policy beginning from 1994 is affecting export of silk unembroidered garments which are directly in competition with China; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Export of pure silk garments is not subject to any quantitative restrictions. Therefore, announcement of the Long Term Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy does not have any direct bearing on such exports.

Recommendations of expert committee on industrial sickness

*110. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee set up by the Finance Ministry recently to enquire into the industrial sickness and corporate resturcturing has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, when and what recommendations have been made by the Committee pertaining to (i) the role of the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, FERA & C.B.D.T., and (ii) amendment proposed in the Sick Industrial Act, Companies Act and Urban Land Ceiling Act besides other recommendations; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government of India on the above Committee's Report and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has submitted a number of recommendations with regard to the industrial and financial sector. These, interalia, include:—

(i) Empowering the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) or speedier restructuring, winding up and sale of assets of companies by enactment of suitable legislation;

(ii) Changes in the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, 1973 to attract foreign capital and equity;

(iii) Amendment of taxation laws to facilitate mergers/amalgamations of companies;